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## PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the present application, Applicants mention that Figures 5, 6, and 11 in international application PCT/GB01/03694 were mislabeled. The description of the figures has been corrected in the present application. This difference between the present

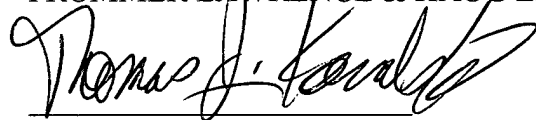
specification and PCT/GB01/03694 has no impact on patentability because the present application as filed complies fully with 35 U.S.C. §112, and the international application as filed, excluding Figures 5, 6 and 11 and/or the mislabeled description thereof in PCT/GB01/03694 for argument's sake, also complied fully with 35 U.S.C. §112; and the herewith admission that Figures 5, 6 and 11 in the international application were mislabeled obviates any other issues that may have arisen therefrom.

In addition, various typographical errors that were in the international application have been corrected throughout the present specification.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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